



JESUS IS SERIOUS

Lent 3 March 4, 2018

Welcome to Worship

How wonderful it is to gather with fellow Christians! May our praises proclaim God’s glory, and may our souls be comforted and refreshed as we hear God’s Word today.

GUESTS

- You’re our guest, so if there’s anything we can help you with, ask any of our friendly members.
- We love having children in our worship services! If your child becomes restless and you need to regroup, you are welcome to use any part of the building.
- Finally, everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin, and hymns are in the red hymnal.

TODAY’S FOCUS

Jesus is serious about all of his Word. The commandments aren’t suggestions. Death and hell aren’t empty threats. Jesus is also serious about the gospel, forgiveness, and heaven, too.

SEASON’S FOCUS

For the last 1700 years, the Church has set aside the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter as a time of repentance and renewal. During Lent, our rejoicing is muted as we remember our Lord’s suffering and death. We know that the Lord who died took up his life again on Easter Sunday morning.

The purple paraments are the color of mourning and repentance.

HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament is offered today to members of this congregation and our fellowship. God teaches in 1 Cor 11:28 that self-examination prior to Holy Communion is vital; one helpful tool is found on page 156 in the hymnal.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

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The Divine Service

HYMN

Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ | 401

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

M In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

To the name of our God, the faithful respond, "Amen." Yes, God is here to bless, we are here to worship him, and it is good to be here.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M God invites us to worship him and serve him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us. Holy and merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against you and others—by our thoughts.

C *(Silence for personal confession.)*

M We confess that we have sinned against you and others—by our words.

C *(Silence for personal confession.)*

M We confess that we have sinned against you and others—by our deeds.

C *(Silence for personal confession.)*

M We pray:

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for these sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

How will the pastor assure a penitent sinner of forgiveness? He will say, "By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*

M In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

*The Kyrie
Eleison (Lord,
Have Mercy)
asks God to help
us and to hear
our prayers.*



M In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord.



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
 2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
 3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
 4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
 For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
 You take all hu - man sin a - way.
 The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,
 For all, O Fath - er, you have done
 Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
 We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
 Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
 From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
 "All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

In the Old Testament, the ark of the covenant was the visible symbol of God's presence. Our altar serves the same symbolism as a visible symbol that God is present with us in Word and sacrament.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Prayer of the Day, historically call the “collect,” collects the main thought of the day’s Scripture readings into one short prayer.

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray:

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Word

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

God lays out the ten commandments.

Then God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, where you were slaves.

³You shall have no other gods beside me. ⁴You shall not make any carved image for yourself or a likeness of anything in heaven above, or on the earth below, or in the waters under the earth. ⁵Do not bow down to them or be subservient to them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God. I follow up on the guilt of the fathers with their children, their grandchildren, and their great-grandchildren, if they also hate me. ⁶But I show mercy to thousands who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not permit anyone who misuses his name to escape unpunished.

⁸Remember the Sabbath day by setting it apart as holy. ⁹Six days you are to serve and do all your regular work, ¹⁰but the seventh day shall be a sabbath rest to the LORD your God. Do not do any regular work, neither you, nor your sons or daughters, nor your male or female servants, nor your cattle, nor the alien who is residing inside your gates, ¹¹for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. In this way the LORD blessed the seventh day and made it holy.

In our worship services, one reading comes from the Old Testament, one from a New Testament letter (epistle), and one from the four Gospels. All three focus on a united theme for the day.

¹²Honor your father and your mother so that you may spend many days on the land that the LORD your God is giving to you.

¹³You shall not commit murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Baptism is a lifelong reminder of the believer's daily spiritual struggle and triumph of faith. For that reason, the baptismal font is placed prominently as a visual symbol.

PSALM OF THE DAY

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SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-10

The sinful flesh does not follow God's law and doesn't even want to. Only Jesus can save us.

So then, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. ³Indeed, what the law was unable to do, because it was weakened by the flesh, God did, when he sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to deal with sin. God condemned sin in his flesh, ⁴so that the righteous decree of the law would be fully satisfied in us who are not walking according to the flesh, but according to the spirit. ⁵To be sure, those who are in harmony with the sinful flesh think about things the way the sinful flesh does, and those in harmony with the spirit think about things the way the spirit does. ⁶Now, the way the sinful flesh thinks results in death, but the way the spirit thinks results in life and peace. ⁷For the mind-set of the sinful flesh is hostile to God, since it does not submit to God's law, and in fact, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the sinful flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the sinful flesh but in the spirit, if indeed God's Spirit lives in you. And if someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, that person does not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, but your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Scripture readings are read from a lectern or from the pulpit. In either case, the furniture makes a visual display of the authority and power of God's Word.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 3:14-15

During Lent, the jubilant response to the verse of the day is omitted as we eagerly wait to celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter.

M It is written: "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

Jesus clears out the temple.

¹³The Jewish Passover was near, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

¹⁴In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and money changers sitting at tables. ¹⁵He made a whip of cords and drove everyone out of the temple courts, along with the sheep and oxen. He scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶To those selling doves he said, "Get these things out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a place of business!"

¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸So the Jews responded, "What sign are you going to show us to prove you can do these things?"

¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again."

²⁰The Jews said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple! And you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹But Jesus was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When Jesus was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this. Then they believed the Scripture and what Jesus had said.

Traditionally called the Hauptlied (German for "main song" or "chief hymn"), this hymn reinforces the theme of the Gospel reading.

M The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *Hauptlied*

The Law of God is Good and Wise | 287

SERMON

John 2:13-22

"Jesus is Serious about his Word"

NICENE CREED *Credo*

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, light from light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the 4th century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

OFFERING

Savior, Thy Dying Love | 488 (1,4)

As a response of faith, gifts of money are received and presented to the Lord. Believers know that God's work must be done.

We bring our offerings to the Lord to thank and praise him. These offering support Our Redeemer's and Rock of Ages as well as our synod's mission efforts around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to give, but are welcome to do so.

**Savior, thy dying love Thou gavest me;
Nor should I aught withhold, Dear Lord, from thee.
In love my soul would bow, My heart fulfill its vow,
Some off'ring bring thee now, Something for thee.**

**All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free,
In joy, in grief, through life, Dear Lord, for thee!
And when thy face I see, My ransomed soul shall be
Through all eternity Something for thee.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

When the pastor is speaking on behalf of God to God's people, he faces the congregation. When the pastor is speaking on behalf of the people to God, he faces the altar.

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Sacrament

PREFACE

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C **It is good and right so to do.**

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome.

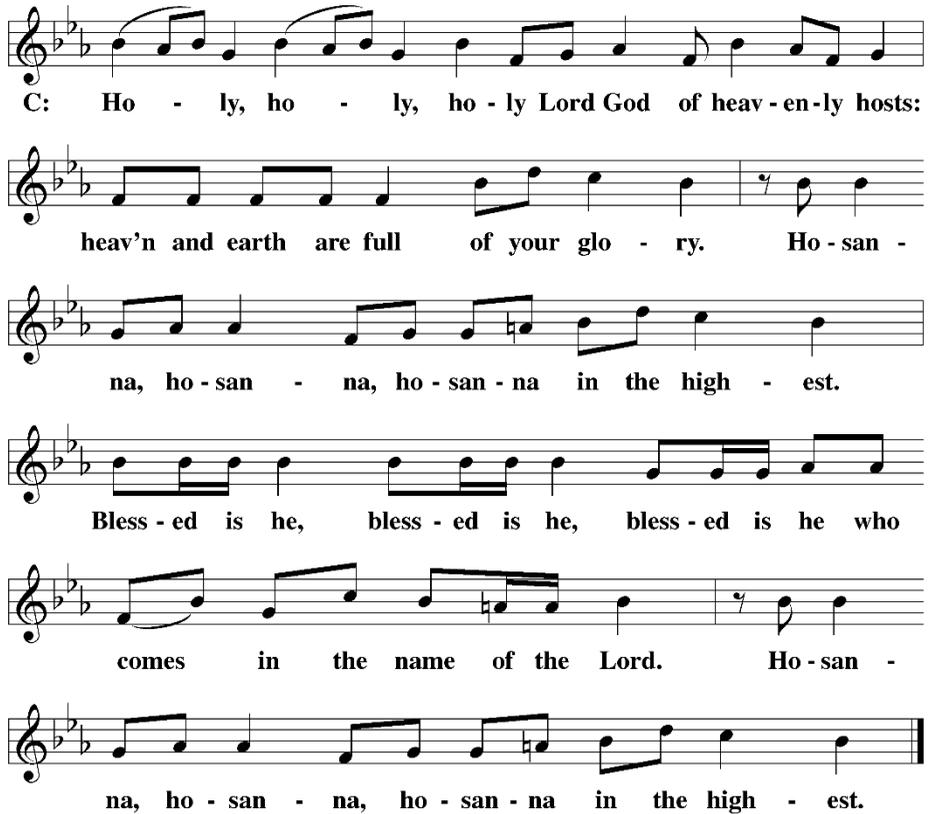
Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

*Holy
Communion is
the true body and
blood of our Lord
Jesus Christ
under the bread
and wine,
instituted by
Christ for us
Christians to eat
and to drink.*



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Sanctus*

This canticle uses the words of the angels in Isaiah 6 (holy, holy, holy) and the praise of the Palm Sunday crowd (hosanna) to acknowledge Jesus' presence in, with, and under the bread and wine. Jesus' presence in the sacrament is what the common term "Holy Communion" refers to.



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

[M] Blessed are you, O Lord, because you have brought us from death to life. With humble and repentant hearts, we praise and thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ,

who became our substitute under your holy law,
who destroyed the works of the devil by his perfect obedience to your will,
who willingly carried a cross to pay the debt of the world's sin,
who lives and reigns to give us life.

Through his body and blood, once given and poured out for us, forgive our sins and strengthen us for our journey heavenward. Unite us to our crucified

The Prayer of Thanksgiving gives us the opportunity to imitate Jesus, who "gave thanks" before instituting and distributing the Lord's Supper.

and risen Lord, that we may believe in him, confess him, call on his name, and finally be delivered from this world to the feast of the Lamb, whose kingdom has no end.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Verba*

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. This is why he stands behind the altar during this portion of the service. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death, which is necessary for this Sacrament.

Fasting and other outward preparations may serve a good purpose, but he is properly prepared who believes these words: "Given" and "poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." But whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is not prepared, because the words "for you" require nothing but hearts that believe.

As the Bible teaches, our congregations practice close communion. Therefore, ask that only members of this congregation and our fellowship (WELS and ELS) partake of the sacrament. If you are a member of another Lutheran denomination or Christian church and would like to commune with us in the future, please speak with our pastor after the service and he would be delighted to explain what that entails.

SONG OF SIMEON *Nunc Dimittis*

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

M O Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C And His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 107:1

M Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Cor 11:26

M We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Having received forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, we thank the Lord for his gifts and pray that he will grant us faith to use them in love toward our neighbor.

BLESSING

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN

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The service both begins and ends with the name of the Triune God. This blessing has been used to bless God's people since God instructed Aaron to bless the Israelites this way, about 3,500 years ago.



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